

abandoned needles

lyrics from the band that never was

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The Needles Project

In 2013 I began writing songs for a band project called the Needles. A studio band producing rock music. Although the band never came to fruition, some songs came out of it that I liked. In this book are those lyrics along with a set of digital illustrations. I hope you enjoy the poetry. I may upload the original audio sketches of these songs at a later date, although not great in audio quality they do convey the concepts of the songs. In the meantime, please enjoy these lyrics and art.

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MONKEYS

COME UNTO ME
I'LL SET YOU FREE
WALK LIKE A MAN
YOU KNOW YOU CAN
WE'RE MONKEYS

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE
YOU KNOW YOU'RE MINE
THOSE BONES ARE PICKED
YOU BEEN TRICKED
WE'RE MONKEYS

AIN'T NO DOUBT
YOU BEEN SOLD OUT
YOU MAKE THEM RICH
AIN'T THAT A BITCH
WE'RE MONKEYS

YOU GOT THE WORD
THAT'S WHAT I HEARD
FOOLED AGAIN
BY MORTAL MEN
WE'RE MONKEYS

THERE WAS A TIME
I SAW THE SIGN
SO I STOPPED BELIEVING
IF THE TRUTH BE TOLD
IT WAS GETTING OLD
WINDS WILL CHANGE
THINGS GET STRANGE
FRIENDS JUST WON'T STOP LEAVING
THAT WAS BURNING COLD
THE YEARS DON'T SEEM SO GOLD



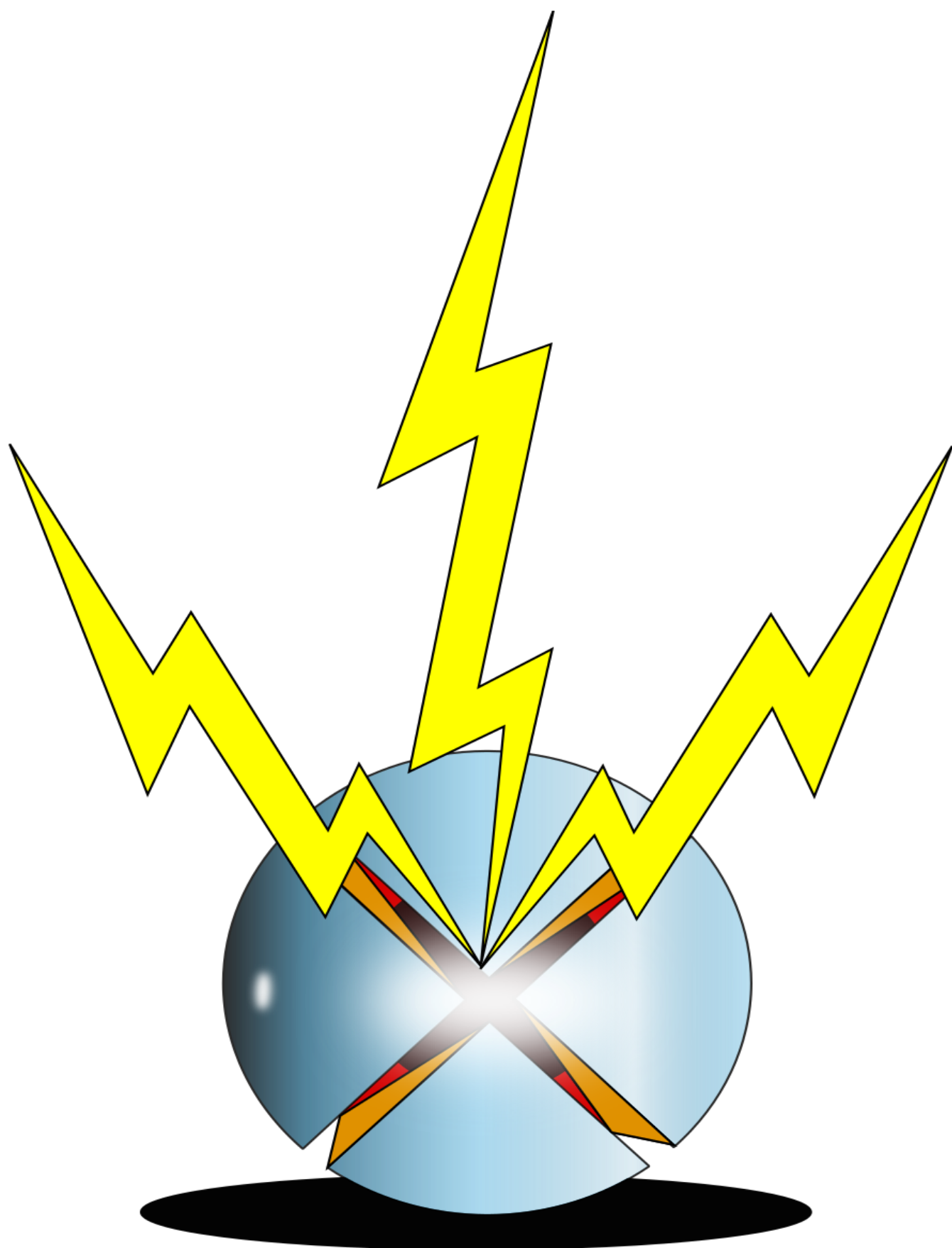
BROKEN

IN ANY DIRECTION SOON AFTER THE FALL
COULDN'T YOU SEE NO ONE LOOKS AFTER US ALL
DRIFTING FOREVER FORGETTING THE NAMES
CITIES YOU'VE BEEN TO AGAIN AND AGAIN AND AGAIN
IF THEY COULD TAKE EVERYTHING BACK THAT THEY SHOULD
I'M NOT EVEN SURE THAT THEY WOULD

SOME DAYS I WAKE UP NOT SURE I'M STILL HERE
WONDERING HOW LONG IT WILL BE UNTIL IT'S MY YEAR
TRY TO MAKE SOMETHING WORTH SOMEBODY'S TIME
NOBODY CARES ANYMORE WHAT YOU PUT ON THE LINE
THE WHOLE WORLD JUST LOOKS LIKE IT'S GOING TO HELL
I GUESS I FEEL LIKE THAT AS WELL

THIS IS NO COUNTRY FOR ANYONE SANE
EVERYONE SEEMS TO RELISH THE FACT THEY'RE IN PAIN
LIVING FOREVER DESPITE ALL THE ODDS
EVERYONE PRAYING TO THEIR RESPECTABLE GODS
JUST DOESN'T SEEM A GOOD USE FOR THE TOOLS
HEADING FOR MOUNTAINS WITH A TRAINLOAD OF FOOLS

WHEN THEY SEND YOU TO WAR↪ASK THEM WHAT IT'S FOR
WHEN A HERO DIES↪JUST DON'T TELL ME LIES
DON'T EVER THINK YOU KNOW↪JUST HOW FAR THEY'LL GO
GONNA TAKE A TOLL↪WHEN THEY SEARCH YOUR SOUL



PURGATORY

LIKE FALLING WITHOUT END
LIKE YOU HAVEN'T GOT A FRIEND
ALL THE TIME YOU HAD TO SPEND
YOU SQUANDERED LIKE THE WIND

LOST IN AN OCEAN FULL OF SKY
WHERE IMMORTALS COME TO DIE
NO MATTER HOW THEY TRY
CAN NEVER SAY GOODBYE

STILL BELIEVING WE'LL BE FREE
WERE LEMMINGS TO THE SEA
SINCE THE DAWN OF HISTORY
THEY TOLD YOU WHAT YOU SEE

DREAMS EVAPORATING
RIGHT BEFORE MY EYES
IN A WORLD OF WAITING
SURELY NO ONE DIES

WHY DOES THE SOUND OF MY OWN NAME
OR THE RULES OF ANY GAME
LEAVE A LOSER DOWN IN SHAME
STANDING IN THE BURNING RAIN

ONCE EVERYTHING JUST SEEMED TO FIT
CANDLES WERE UNLIT
ALL I WANT'S A LITTLE BIT
FROM A WORLD THAT'S FULL OF SHIT



INCARNATIONS

COUNTING DOWN BY NUMBERS
OUTSIDE IN
LEAVING GOLDEN SLUMBERS
LET THE ROAD BEGIN
EVERYBODY WONDERS
WHY YOU JUST CAN'T WIN

HERE I AM INSIDE MY VELVET WOMB
SEEMS AS IF I'M RUNNING OUT OF ROOM
COLORS FLASH
BLINDING LIGHT
FALLING ASH
TURNS DAY TO NIGHT

YEARNING FOR DIRECTION
IN A WORLD ADRIFT
GOT NO RECOLLECTION OF THE PLACE I LEFT
WITHOUT THESE CONNECTIONS
WE JUST DON'T EXIST

FIGHTING FOR THE RIGHT
TO BELIEVE IN LOVE
TAKE THE AIR IN FLIGHT
ON YOUR SNOW WHITE DOVE
SOMEWHERE IN THE NIGHT
UP SO HIGH ABOVE

HERE I AM INSIDE MY VELVET WOMB
SEEMS AS IF I'M RUNNING OUT OF ROOM
COLORS FLASH
BLINDING LIGHT
FALLING ASH
TURNS DAY TO NIGHT



PRISON

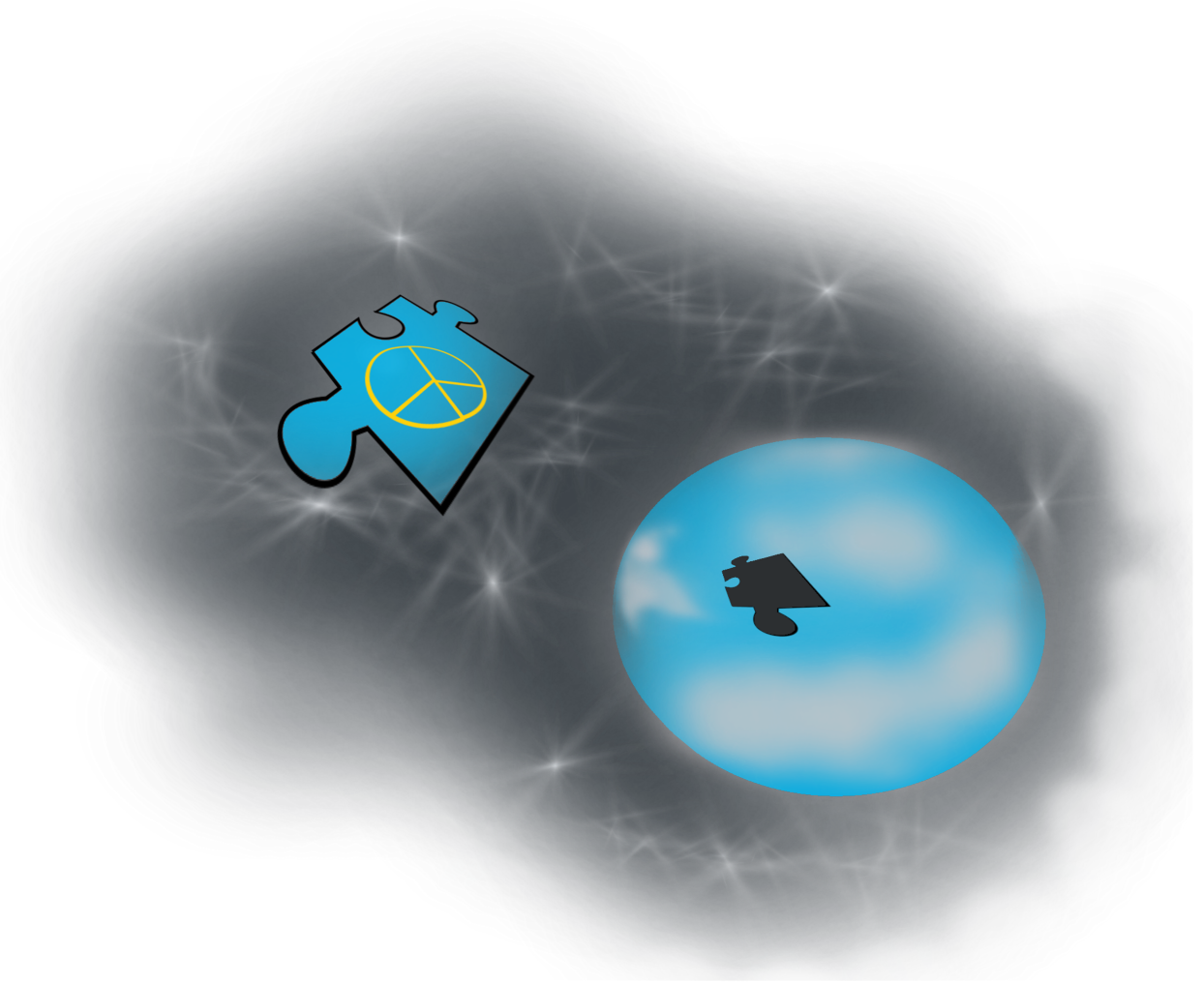
SUN THROUGH THE WINDOW
BROKEN IN FRAGMENTS
PAINTING YOUR PILLOW
WITH ITS OWN TWO-CENTS

DREAM OF TOMORROW
WHERE IT MAY LEAD YOU
HOPING THAT YOU GO
RIGHT WHEN YOU NEED TO

THIS EMERGENCY
SOMEHOW WE ARE FORMED INTO
IS WHIRLING LIKE THE WIND
YOU MIGHT THINK YOU'RE FREE
IT DOESN'T OCCUR TO YOU
YOU'RE RIGHT WHERE YOU BEGIN

THIS WORLD IS A PRISON
COLD PLACE IN HELL
YOUR MORTAL SOUL IS ROTTING
CAN'T STAND THE SMELL
IT'S RULED BY SULLIED DEMONS
WHO ARE RULED BY GREED
PLACE UNDER THE HEADING
TROUBLE YOU DON'T NEED

THE MOON IS AN OLD FRIEND
COMES ONCE IN A WHILE
IN THE BEGINNING
HE MADE ME SMILE
NOW IT'S THE WAITING
COUNTING THE HOURS
CAN'T GO ON HATING
KEEP SENDING FLOWERS



SAVIOR

NEWS REPORTERS ARE SALIVATING
CIGARETTES AND COFFEE•SITTING AROUND WAITING
FOR TWO BIG CHEESES TO START DEBATING
WHO'S GONNA' BE YOUR SAVIOR TONIGHT

TELL YOU NO SECRETS TELL YOU NO LIES
DON'T YOU BELIEVE IT LOOK IN THEM EYES
YOU'RE GONNA' GET THE BEST FRIEND MONEY CAN BUY
WHO'S GONNA' BE YOUR SAVIOR TONIGHT

OH HOLY NIGHT•OH HOLY DAY
DADDY SAYS WHAT A MAN BELIEVES
OUGHTA' SEE THROUGH THE TRICKS
THEY GOT UP THEIR SLEEVES
COS' IF HE WON'T HE'LL WIND UP ON HIS KNEES
THEN WHAT ARE YOU GONNA' DO•

HERE COMES SALVATION ALL GUSSIED•UP TIGHT
GIVE YA' SUN IN THE MORNING AND THE MOON AT NIGHT
SWEARING TO NEVER EVER GIVE UP THE FIGHT
WHO'S GONNA' BE YOUR SAVIOR TONIGHT

IT'S THE SAME OLD CIRCUS WITH THE SAME OLD CLOWNS
WITH THEIR STEPFORD WIVES AND DESIGNER GOWNS
THEY DON'T GIVE A DAMN ABOUT YOUR CITIES AND TOWNS
WHO'S GONNA' BE YOUR SAVIOR TONIGHT



AWAY

I'M GONNA' FALL FOR YOU KNOW
I DON'T BELIEVE IN WAITING
IF YOU WANT TO YOU CAN BELIEVE IN MY DREAM
IF IT TAKES YOU AWAY
DON'T ASK ME I DON'T KNOW HOW
WE'LL GET BEYOND ALL THE FAKING
WE'LL JUST KEEP ROLLING ON LIKE A MACHINE
IT TAKES YOU AWAY

FROM THE WHITE BLOODED TIGERS AT YOUR DOOR
MIND NUMBING JINGLES YOU CAN'T IGNORE
DOZING IN THE CRUISE CONTROL
TELL YOU YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT THEIR LIES
SEND YOU TO A PLACE WHERE NO ONE CRIES
ALL YOU GOTTA' DO IS SELL YOUR SOUL
DON'T SELL YOUR SOUL
DON'T

IF YOU'LL JUST TAKE OUT YOUR EYES
BET THEY'RE TIRED OF LOOKING AT YOU
THEN YOU CAN SEE HOW FAR APART WE'VE BECOME
SO TAKE ME AWAY
MAYBE A WORD TO THE WISE
IF YOU WERE ME YOU'D WANT TO SLAP YOU
REMEMBER HOW YOU SAID I WAS THE ONE
SO TAKE ME AWAY



NOBODY

THE NIGHT IS CLOSING IN
I FIGHT STILL I CAN'T WIN
IT'S THE AIR PRESSING DOWN
WHEN NO ONE IS AROUND

I FOLD INTO BLUE
NO HOLD OVER YOU
JUST BEWARE PEOPLE LIE
DON'T CARE NEVER CRY
NOBODY NOBODY KNOWS

KNOWS WHEN THE END BEGINS
REPENTS FOR ALL THEIR SINS
JUST BREATHE THIS MOMENT IN
YOU'LL NEED TO LIVE AGAIN

ONCE I MAKE MY BREAK
WON'T MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE
THE SAME MISTAKE



THANK YOU!